

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of~~ A microbial stabilizer comprising a sweetener acid and one or more of either ~~for the microbiological stabilization of~~ a food [[s]], a cosmetic [[s]], a consumer good[[s]] and a pharmaceutical[[s]].
2. (Currently Amended) ~~The use~~ A microbial stabilizer as claimed in claim 1, wherein said stabilizer comprises ~~in~~ food[[s]].
3. (Currently Amended) ~~The use~~ A microbial stabilizer as claimed in claim 1, wherein said stabilizer comprises a ~~in~~ pharmaceutical[[s]] and/or cosmetic[[s]].
4. (Currently Amended) ~~The use~~ A microbial stabilizer as claimed in claim 2 wherein the sweetener acid is used in an amount of about 20 to 5000 ppm.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~The use~~ A microbial stabilizer as claimed in claim 3, wherein the sweetener acid is used in an amount of 20 to 12 000 ppm.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The use~~ A microbial stabilizer as claimed in ~~one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to [[5]], wherein the sweetener acid is selected from one or more of the following sweetener acids: acesulfamic acid, saccharin acid, cyclamic acid and glycyrrhic acid.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The use~~ A microbial stabilizer as claimed in ~~one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 to 6, wherein said stabilizer as completely or partially replacement of replaces food acids present within one or more of either a food, a cosmetic, a consumer good and a pharmaceutical.

8. (Original) A composition comprising at least one sweetener acid and at least one high-intensity sweetener.

9. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the sweetener is selected from one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of aspartame, alitame, neotame, acesulfame-K, saccharin, cyclamate, sucralose, thaumatin, neohesperidin dihydrochalcone ~~[[C]] NHDG [[D]]~~, neotame and stevioside.

10. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 8 ~~or~~ [[9]], wherein the sweetener acid is selected from one or more of the following sweetener acids: acesulfamic acid, saccharin acid, cyclamic acid and glycyrrhic acid.

11. (Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~one of claim~~<sup>claim</sup> 8 ~~to 10~~, wherein the weight ratio between sweetener acid and high-intensity sweetener is between 1000:1 and 1:20.

12. (Original) A method for the identical acid taste reduction of pH, which comprises replacing an existing acid wholly or in part by a sweetener acid.

13. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the pH is reduced in a food, drink, pharmaceutical or cosmetic.

14. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 12 ~~or 13~~, wherein the acid to be replaced is a food acid.

15. (Original) A drink comprising a composition as claimed in claim 8.

16. (Original) A food comprising a composition as claimed in claim 8.

17. (Original) A pharmaceutical comprising a composition as claimed in claim 8.

18. (Original) A cosmetic comprising a composition as claimed in claim 8.